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SUBJECT: TURKISH BASE NEGOTIATIONS: DECEMBER 23 WORKING GROUP SESSION

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1. SUMMARY: DECEMBER 23 WORKING GROUP SESSION COMPLETED
INVENTORY OF BOTH PARTIES' LANGUAGE WITH TURKS SHOWING
SOME FLEXIBILITY ON RESIDUAL VALUE, LABOR, AND OPERATIONS
AND MAINTENANCE COSTS ISSUES. TURKISH TEAM CLEARLY
SIGNALLED, HOWEVER, THAT GOT DOES NOT RPT NOT PLAN TO
MEET U.S. NEEDS IN SOFA AND TAX RELIEF AREAS UNTIL

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"PAYMENTS" PROBLEM AT LEAST RESOLVED. END SUMMARY.

2. WORKING GROUP BEGAN INVENTORY OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN TWO DRAFTS WITH ARTICLE ON COSTS (U.S. IX; TURKISH XV).

A) GOT TEAM LEADER ASULA ANNOUNCED HE WILL PROVIDE NEW DRAFT ARTICLE ON COSTS. ALTHOUGH IT WILL MAINTAIN THE BASIC TURKISH POSITION ALREADY PRESENTED, HE SAID, IT WILL INCLUDE PROVISIONS FOR THE GOT TO PAY ADDITIONAL OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE COSTS RESULTING FROM TURKS OCCUPYING CERTAIN PREMISES EXCLUSIVELY.

B) GOT TEAM CORRECTED THE RECORD TO SHOW GOT PROPOSED LANGUAGE FOR XV(2) TO READ: "THE COSTS OF THE MUTUALLY AGREED ALTERATION, CHANGE, MODERNIZATION, AND SUBSEQUENT IMPROVEMENTS OF NON-REMOVABLE PROPERTY, EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS OF INSTALLATION SHALL BE MET BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES."

C) THE GOT TEAM STILL ASKS DELETION OF THE FINAL SENTENCE OF U.S. PARA 3 WITH REGARD TO MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF UTILITIES. ASULA ARGUED THAT, ALTHOUGH HE COULD NOT REFLECT IN THE AGREEMENT THAT THE GOT WOULD ASSUME COSTS, IN FACT, THE TURKS WOULD IN MOST INSTANCES ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR. U.S. TEAM POINTED OUT THAT PARAGRAPH TURKS PROPOSED WOULD IMPLY THAT U.S. ASSUMES NOT ONLY CONSTRUCTION BUT MAINTENANCE COSTS AND SUGGESTED AS MINIMUM THAT NEW GOT DRAFT INSERT "CONSTRUCTION" BEFORE COSTS IN THE FIRST SENTENCE.

3. DISCUSSION OF THE IMPORT/EXPORT ARTICLES (U.S. X, TURKISH IX) CONFIRMED ONCE AGAIN THAT THIS IS A HARD CORE ITEM WITH THE GOT INSISTING ON CONTROLS IN WHICH THE USG COULD ACQUIESCE ONLY AT GREAT ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL COSTS.

A) ASULA ASKED THE U.S. TEAM TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION "AND REPORT TO YOUR SUPERIORS" GOT'S POLITICAL NEED TO BE ABLE TO STATE THAT EVERYTHING IMPORTED INTO TURKEY BY THE UNITED STATES WAS ONLY AFTER
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PRIOR NOTIFICATION. U.S. TEAM ARGUED THIS NEED COULD BE SATISFIED BY U.S. PROVIDING MANIFESTS UPON ARRIVAL OF CARGO.

B) ASULA ALSO REPEATED HIS OBJECTION TO THE LANGUAGE OF U.S. PARA 3 PROVIDING THAT IMPORTS OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION AND CLASSIFIED MATERIALS WILL BE EXEMPT FROM CUSTOMS INSPECTION. HE ASKED THAT THE U.S. DRAFT PARA 4

BE ALTERED BY SUBSTITUTING "APPROPRIATE TURKISH AUTHORITIES" FOR "TURKISH GENERAL STAFF" AND "PARTIES" FOR "GOVERNMENTS."

C) ASULA STATED THAT U.S. DRAFT PARA 5 ON EXPORTS WOULD HAVE TO BE AMENDED TO INDICATE THE SAME APPROVAL/CONSULTATION/NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES AS THE GOT DRAFT PROPOSED FOR IMPORTS. U.S. TEAM LEADER REJOINED THAT USG MUST RETAIN THE RIGHT TO EXPORT FROM TURKEY ITS OWN EQUIPMENT WITHOUT APPROVAL OF THE GOT. ASULA STATED GOT WOULD NOT INSIST ON "APPROVAL" BUT WOULD INSIST ON LANGUAGE SIMILAR TO THE SECOND SENTENCE OF ARTICLE III(1)(H) OF DCA WHICH READS, "IN ANY CASE NO REMOVAL WILL BE AFFECTED WHICH WOULD PREJUDICE THE MISSION OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION."

4. WITH REGARD TO U.S. DRAFT ARTICLE XI ON PROCUREMENT, ASULA OFFERED TO ACCEPT THE U.S. DRAFT WITH THE ADDITION OF THE WORDS "AND CIVILIAN LABOR" AFTER SERVICES, SUBSTITUTION OF "IMPLEMENTATION" FOR "APPLICATION" IN THE SECOND SENTENCE AND DELETION OF THE THIRD SENTENCE. HIS RATIONALE FOR DELETING THE THIRD SENTENCE IS THAT TAX EXEMPTION, IF PLACED IN THE AGREEMENT, SHOULD NOT BE TREATED IN INDIVIDUAL ARTICLES BUT IN ONE SPECIAL ARTICLE WHICH WOULD APPLY TO LOCAL PROCUREMENT AS WELL AS OTHER ARTICLES. (COMMENT: AD REFERENDUM AGREEMENT ON U.S. DRAFT ARTICLE XI AS AMENDED BY ASULA WOULD ENABLE US TO SIDETRACK THORNY LOCAL LABOR PROVISIONS IN TURKISH DRAFT. WOULD APPRECIATE WASHINGTON'S COMMENT BEFORE JANUARY 5 MEETING.)

5. NO NEW GROUND WAS BROKEN DURING THE DISCUSSION OF THE ARTICLE ON INTERFERENCE (U.S. XII, TURKISH XIII)

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ALTHOUGH ASULA INDICATED HE MIGHT WEIGH FURTHER THE VARIOUS FORMULATIONS PREVIOUSLY PUT FORWARD BY THE U.S. TEAM (ANKARA 9055, PARA 5).

6. TURNING TO U.S. ARTICLE XIII ON LAND AREA AND RESIDUAL VALUE, ASULA SUGGESTED THAT U.S. TEAM DROP FIRST TWO PARAGRAPHS, U.S. TEAM STATED THAT DISCUSSION OF THESE PARAGRAPHS SHOULD BE DEFERRED UNTIL TURKISH ARTICLE XX ON ASSISTANCE, WITH WHICH IT IS RELATED, IS DISCUSSED. ASULA INQUIRED WHETHER, IF GOT AGREED TO RETAIN REFERENCE TO RESIDUAL VALUE IN AGREEMENT, U.S. WOULD AGREE TO INCLUDE WORDS TO THE EFFECT THAT CONSIDERATION OF PAST PRACTICES IN TURKEY WOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN THE APPLICATION OF THE RESIDUAL VALUE PRINCIPLE. (COMMENT: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE REQUESTED BEFORE

JANUARY 5 MEETING.)

7. THE DISCUSSION OF U.S. DRAFT ARTICLES XV (TURKISH XXI) AND XVI (TURKISH XXIV) COVERED NO NEW GROUND.

8. THE LAST WORKING GROUP SESSION OF 1975 ENDED WITH A DISCUSSION OF NATO/SOFA EXTENSION AND IMPLEMENTATION AND THUS WITH REMINDER THAT THE TWO TEAMS WILL BEGIN THE NEW YEAR FAR APART ON THIS BASIC ISSUE. U.S. TEAM POINTED OUT THAT IT COULD NOT DROP U.S. ARTICLE XVI OR VII(2) AS LONG AS GOT REFUSED TO AGREE, EITHER IN NEW DCA OR SEPARATE AGREEMENTS, TO KEY PROVISIONS PREVIOUSLY COVERED BY SOFA IMPLEMENTATION, SOFA EXTENSION, TAX RELIEF AND SIMILAR AGREEMENTS. ASULA HEATEDLY RESPONDED AT FIRST THAT RESUMPTION OF ARRANGEMENTS COVERED IN THESE AGREEMENTS WAS UNILATERAL GOT PREROGATIVE TO BE ACCOMPLISHED BY ITS DIRECTIVES. HE LATER IMPLIED, HOWEVER, THAT SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION OF "PAYMENTS" PROBLEM MIGHT CAUSE GOT TO RECONSIDER ITS POSITION ON THIS ISSUE.

9. WORKING GROUP AGREED TO MEET AGAIN ON JANUARY 5. ASULA SAID "PRINCIPALS" (SECRETARY GENERAL ELEKDAG AND AMBASSADOR) MIGHT WISH TO MEET IN INTERIM. IN BRIEF PRIVATE EXCHANGE WITH U.S. TEAM CHAIRMAN AFTER MEETING, ASULA AGAIN EXPRESSED HOPE THAT AMBASSADOR MIGHT PROVIDE ELEKDAG INFORMATION REGARDING POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE
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FORMULA WHICH WOULD HELP HIM (ASULA) GAIN ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY FROM TGS PRIOR TO RESUMPTION OF WORKING GROUP SESSIONS.
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